

## Thomas Pinckney to Andrew Jackson, January 26, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### THOMAS PINCKNEY TO JACKSON.

Milledgeville January 26, 1814<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In another letter to Jackson, of the same date, Pinckney arranged for a chain of communication by mounted men between Milledgeville and Jackson's headquarters. Jackson was to establish posts, with riders, 35 or 40 miles apart, as far eastward as Etowah village on the Hightower or Etowah River. Another series would extend from Pinckney's headquarters westward to the Standing Peach Tree, near the Shallow Ford of the Chattahoochee, and the interval between that place and Etowah, said to be about 40 miles, was to be served by riders meeting half-way.

*Sir*; General Floyd moved from Fort Mitchell near Coweta on the Chatahouchie on the 18th of this month toward the old Tookabatchie Town in the bend of the Talipoosa;<sup>2</sup> this Town is 45 miles distant from Fort Mitchell and 25 above the confluence of this River with the Coosa: his force consists of between 14 and 15 hundred of the Georgia State Troops and 500 friendly Creek Indians: as he will intrench an intermediate

<sup>2</sup> Tukabatchi was an Upper Creek town on the Tallapoosa River, opposite Tallassee. It was a tribal centre and it was here that Tecumseh appealed to the Upper Creeks for war against the United States.

post on his route and establish another to secure the passage of the river, I think it probable he will not commence his operations in the Fort until the end of this or first of the next month, and after leaving small garrisons in the intermediate posts his force may be

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reduced to 1200 white and 500 red Warriors. The principal force of the Enemy is said to be at Hoithlawaulie<sup>3</sup> about 9 miles lower down the Talipoosa than the Tuckabatchie old Town; if he shall succeed in defeating these he will then proceed to destroy all the Towns within striking distance of the Forts.

3 Huhliwahli.

The Okfuskee settlement on the Talipoosa is the only point at which we are informed of any other collection of hostile Indians below the Fishtraps, it is hoped Genl Floyd will be able to destroy or disperse these; and if circumstances would admit of your routing the Enemy said to be collected at the Fish Traps or Coosa Village the War must I think, speedily terminate.

Having now sent off supplies sufficient to last Genl Floyds Army for the remainder of their term of service I shall be able in three Weeks from this time to place on the Talipoosa sufficient provisions to support your Detachment [provided it shall not exceed fifteen hundred Men]<sup>4</sup> for 10 days or a fortnight, and from that time we can keep up the supply from this State; if therefore your march is retarded for want of provisions, and you can collect sufficient to supply your Troops during their operations in advancing to the confluence of the Rivers you need not prepare supplies sufficient to maintain your Detachment on their return, but it is essential that you should give me immediate information of your force and intention, that adequate preparations may be made. . . .

4 Brackets are used in the manuscript.